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FROM THE SECRETARY FOR EILTS

1. USUN REPORTS THAT EGYPTIAN UN DELEGATE MEGUID REACTED STRONGLY TO INFO CONTAINED STATE REFTEL, INCORRECTLY ACCUSING U.S. OF HAVING TAKEN "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" POSITION. MEGUID SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS ON EXEMPTING EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN FROM UNEF COSTS HAD COME FROM CAIRO AND WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED THERE.
2. YOU SHOULD SEE APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN FONMIN SOONEST & TELL THEM I REGARD YEMEN-CUBAN AMENDMENT AS SERIOUS AND NEEDLESS IRRITANT IN STRENGTHENING EXECUTION OF CEASEFIRE AND MOVING CONFIDENTIAL

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TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. FONMIN SHOULD REALIZE THAT WE ARE PREPARED IN VIEW OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT TO GO TO OUR CONGRESS AND ASK THEM TO AGREE TO SET ASIDE OUR LEGISLATIVE CEILING OF 25 PERCENT FOR ASSESSED

PAYMENTS TO UN IN THIS INSTANCE. WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW CONGRESS WOULD REACT IF WE HAVE TO TELL THEM THAT PAYMENTS FORMULA--DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO ALL PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY SECURITY COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MIDDLE EAST CRISIS--IN EFFECT PENALIZES ISRAEL AS AN AGGRESSOR AND EXEMPTS ARAB COMBATANTS FROM ALL UNEF PAYMENTS. WE SHOULD ALL CONSIDER SERIOUSLY WHAT THE EFFECT ON PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE SO FAR WOULD BE IF USG SUPPORT FOR UNEF WERE IMPAIRED.

3. YOU SHOULD CONVEY MY STRONG HOPE THAT EGYPTIAN UNDEL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CHANGED SO THAT WE CAN HEAD OFF THESE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS. SPEED IS ESSENTIAL, SINCE VOTE SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE IN UNGA BUDGET COMMITTEE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 23. KISSINGER

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